Seizure of Electronic Goods

5015. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of smuggling electronic goods seized during 1990-91 and the last four months;

(b) the number of persons arrested in this connection; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to check the smuggling of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The value of smuggled electronic goods seized and the persons arrested during 1990-91 and the last four months are as follows.

Year	*Value of goods seized (Rs. in crores)*	*No. of persons arrested.*
1990—91.	56.26	109
Nov. '91 to Feb.'92	3.18*	4

* Figure is provisional

** Does not include persons arrested for smuggling in baggage cases

(c) The Customs authorities are vigilant against smuggling including that of electronic goods. Intelligence is targetted against such smuggling and field formations alerted suitably. Sophisticated equipments such as X-ray baggage machines are being increasingly used.

Customs and Excise Duties Evasion by Pharmaceutical Units

5016. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the pharmaceutical units which committed serious irregularities in regard to payment of customs and excise duties during the last one year;

(b) the amount of customs and excise duties evasion, separately, by each of these units;

(c) the action taken against defaulting units particularly those in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(d) the amount of penalty realised from each of these units; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to check recurrence of such cases in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of Computers

5017. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: